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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for a total period of three months, through and including September 25, 2003, to respond to the Office Action mailed on March 25, 2003. If an additional extension of time is required to insure that this paper is timely filed, please consider this a petition therefor.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.10(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being

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The Amendment for which this extension is requested

is filed herewith.

has been filed.

The response is the filing of a continuing application on the same date hereof, and the abandonment of this application is expressly conditioned on the granting of a filing date for the continuing application.

Applicant is

a small entity - verified statement

is attached.

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other than a small entity.

The extension fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5) is calculated below:

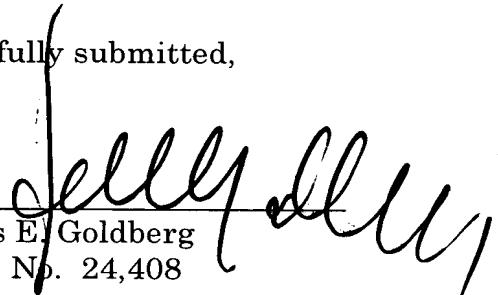
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<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,970	\$985
Fee:	\$930.00	\$[amount]

Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$930.00 to cover the extension of time fee for three months.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$[amount] extension fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional extension fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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